

HONORING MONICA RICHARDSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monica R. Richardson, executive editor of the Miami Herald. Richardson, who is the first black person to serve in this role in the publication's 117 year history. She also oversees el Nuevo Herald and the Bradenton Herald, and serves as McClatchy's Florida regional editor. Ms. Richardson is the recipient of the 2022 5000 Role Models of Excellence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award.

Her historic January 1, 2021 appointment as executive editor was made during a critical period in American history when, in the aftermath of the cruel and senseless murder of George Floyd, millions of people across the nation experienced a racial reckoning that led to cries for diversity, equity, and inclusion in all facets of life. Nearly 6 months after Mr. Floyd's death, she received a racist email from a reader that included derogatory and misogynistic slurs targeting her. Rather than sweep it under the rug, Richardson chose to address the email in a column and open a dialogue with Miami. "Miami, who are we in times of challenge? Who are we right now? How are you using your voice?" she wrote.

A native of Charlottesville, Virginia, Richardson is a seasoned journalist and editor. Over the course of her 30-year career, she has worked at the Charlottesville Observer, Florida Times-Union, and the Lexington Herald-Leader. She joined McClatchy after spending 15 years at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as the newspaper's digital managing editor and senior managing editor. In a statement announcing Richardson's appointment as the Miami Herald's top editor, Kristin Roberts, McClatchy's senior vice president of news, praised her "strong record of leadership in local journalism at one the great metro newsrooms in the country."

Richardson has been a champion for diversity and inclusion in newsrooms. She has served as a leader for various journalism industry associations and as a juror to the national Pulitzer Prize board. A graduate of Old Dominion University, Richardson enjoys mentoring young journalists and seasoned professionals. She also is an advocate for foster care and adoption and adopted her daughter in 2014.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Monica Richardson for using her position as executive editor to give voice to stories that might otherwise not be told.

RECOGNIZING RON MARCHANT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ron Marchant, a public servant now retiring after 34 honorable years of service. Marchant's career exemplifies the best of North Texas and the heart of determination which binds all Texans. Prior to his time as an

elected official, Marchant received a degree in Religious Education from Southern Nazarene University which he used to pursue a career in marketing and teaching as well as endeavors in art and music. The community of Carrollton recognized Marchant's leadership and skill by electing him to the City Council of Carrollton from 1987 to 1992. In 1993, Marchant was elected as Justice of the Peace in Precinct 6 of Denton County, where he served until 2006.

Throughout those 13 years, Marchant dedicated himself to learning the problems which impacted the daily lives of the people of Denton County. He applied these years of experience to his career when he began as Precinct 2 Commissioner in Denton County in 2007. In this role, Marchant walked alongside citizens of North Texas for 16 years and assisted with many projects which transformed their lives. Marchant has successfully protected the liberties of Denton residents by maintaining low property taxes. He also dedicated himself to the expansion of mental health services and crucial resources which offer the people of Denton County food and housing. He provided comfort in times of turmoil by helping open vaccination clinics at Texas Motor Speedway which would administer over 300,000 individuals their COVID-19 vaccines. Marchant deeply values his experience in organizing the employee wellness clinic which facilitates affordable services for employees and retirees and decreases their risk of long-term illness. Marchant also served on many boards and committees, including the Metrocrest Hospital Authority, the Denton County Environmental Task Force, and the Denton County Health Advisory Board.

In both his career and personal life, Marchant has dedicated himself to future generations of Texans. Starting in 2004, Marchant acted as the Carrollton Christian Academy Mock Trial coach, instructing students, and providing them access to his detailed knowledge of trial procedures and preparing them for success. He also prioritizes his time with his children and grandchildren and plans to continue his advocacy for Denton County in the interest of creating a strong and thriving community for the next generation. Marchant's advocacy for the people of Denton County has had a profound impact on the entire region and improved the quality of life for countless individuals in North Texas. I thank Ron Marchant for his years of public service and excellence in the role of Commissioner. I, along with the rest of North Texas, wish to follow his example and cultivate his legacy of selflessness and competence. I congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING SENATOR RICHARD BARR FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague Senator RICHARD BARR for 28 years of public service to the people of North Carolina.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1978, Senator BARR first

worked as a businessman in the wholesale commercial products field. In 1995, he began his career in public service as the representative for North Carolina's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served on Energy and Commerce Committee, the Intelligence Committee, and the International Relations Committee. After five consecutive terms in the House, he was elected to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Senate for three consecutive terms in 2004, 2010, and 2016. Senator BARR will retire from Congress at the end of his term as the Ranking Member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee. In the Senate, he also currently serves as a senior member of the Select Committee on Intelligence and as a member of both the Committee on Finance and the Special Committee on Aging. Perhaps most impressively, he previously held the position of Chairman on the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Senator BARR is one of the most consequential senators to ever represent North Carolina. His outstanding leadership was essential in ushering through many pieces of landmark legislation, including but not limited to the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA), the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act, the Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act, the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act, and the Great American Outdoors Act.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Senator BARR for his many years of dedicated service to North Carolina and our nation. Through his exceptional leadership and initiative, he has set an excellent example for all in public service to emulate. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and represent the people of North Carolina by his side. On a personal note, since we first met at a Republican dinner in North Carolina in 1996, Senator BARR has been an inspiration, a mentor, and a friend. I am a better person and a better representative today because of his example and influence. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing he and his beloved wife, Brooke, continued success and happiness in retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Senator RICHARD BARR for his exemplary service and unwavering commitment to North Carolina and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, on December 13th, I was speaking with constituents and unintentionally missed the vote on Roll Call No. 519, the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to the Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 519.

THANKING MR. EVERETT COLEMAN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Mr. Everett Coleman for his many years of service to the United States Congress and congratulate him on his retirement.

A Navy veteran, Everett served our country in uniform before serving as a civilian. For the last 14 years, Everett has served as a crucial member of the House Armed Services Committee's staff.

Everett's contributions to this committee and the country's national security have been immeasurable. He has worked countless hours, whether late at night or on weekends, to keep the committee running and prepared to fulfil its duties. As the lead for the committee's technology, Everett has served the over 60 members and 70 staff throughout the years with distinction. The Armed Services Committee would not have functioned without him. I can say unequivocally that the committee would not have passed consecutive National Defense Authorizations Acts (NDAA's) each year without the tireless work and support of Everett.

Since 2007, Everett has kept the committee on track. Everett's role on the committee has not been easy. I suspect that no one on staff has ever called to let him know that the network was operating properly and that all the systems were okay. Rather, Everett has stepped up to make last minute fixes to ensure that a hearing started on time and dropped everything to ensure staff had the ability to communicate while abroad. Everett was also instrumental in moving the committee to an all-digital process for the markup of the NDAA. Further, as the Congress grappled with how to safely continue operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, Everett played a critical role to ensure the Armed Services Committee continued to be able to communicate, access data, and most importantly, meet and conduct effective oversight, ensuring the enactment of consecutive annual NDAA's.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House Armed Services Committee, I extend our deepest appreciation to Everett for his dedicated service to the committee, the Congress, and the military and civilian personnel of the Armed Forces. We wish him well as he leaves the committee to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JAMIE BERRY ON HER LIFE AND WORK

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of my constituent

and friend Jamie Berry, who died on November 9, 2022, after a valiant two-year battle with ALS. After exchanging many letters with Jamie, I had the privilege of meeting her on October 6, 2022, at her home in San Jose, California. Her mother, a fierce protector and loving caregiver, asked me to visit Jamie who was by then unable to leave her home. I found a beautiful woman unable to move, but who had a clear voice to tell me her hopes, fears and dreams. Jamie was a great inspiration to me, and she knew that I would continue her work to raise funds for the treatment and a cure for ALS.

Jamie was diagnosed with ALS in 2020. Prior to her diagnosis, she excelled in her sales career, helped run her family's business, and loved to ride ATVs and camp at her family's ranch near the Almaden Quicksilver mines. After her diagnosis, she put all of her energy and determination into her advocacy for ALS patients and their families. Through her superb leadership, infectious humor and kind heart, she recruited a large group of friends from across the country to help her advocate for ALS patients. During my Health Subcommittee hearing on the ACT for ALS legislation on November 4, 2021, I quoted Jamie:

"With ALS, a piece of you dies every single day. We are simply asking for a fighting chance to live the lives we were meant to live."

Thanks to Jamie, the Act for ALS became law on December 23, 2021.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to Jamie's family, especially her beloved husband Jason, her adored daughter Chloe, her devoted mother Deborah, her sister Lesha, and her many relatives and friends. Jamie was a fervent and effective advocate and her work will live on as a testament to her life of love and courage.

CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF MR. RALPH ROTELLA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the generosity of Ralph Rotella, owner of Discount Shoe Repair in Syracuse and driving force behind Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive.

In 2010, Ralph Rotella was inspired to start Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive after seeing a homeless person outside of his shop, walking in the cold with their toe sticking out. He made the decision to provide that person with a pair of usable shoes. From that day, Ralph began annually collecting, repairing, and donating shoes to the Syracuse Rescue Mission to help more people in need.

In Ralph's first year of operating the Shoe Drive, he donated less than 100 pairs of shoes. Each year since then, he has steadily expanded his operation, and in 2021, donated 37,370 pairs of shoes—one of the largest donations the Rescue Mission has ever received.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Ralph Rotella for his determined efforts to aid underserved members of our Central New York community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CONGRESSMAN KURT SCHRADER

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the career of my colleague and neighboring Oregon delegation member, Congressman KURT SCHRADER. KURT's long career in public service started in Salem, where he served in both the Oregon House and Senate before being elected to Congress in 2008. KURT has always been known as a practical lawmaker who wants to get things done for the people of his district. As the sole veterinarian in Congress, KURT is a prominent voice in the work to end animal cruelty and advocated for bipartisan solutions to safeguard public health. KURT is also known for his leadership in fighting to uplift Oregon farmers. Through his service on the Agriculture Committee and in strengthening several farm bills, KURT has helped put Oregon's specialty crops in a place to compete and succeed.

I am particularly grateful to have partnered with KURT to hold our government accountable for its long and shameful history of separating Native American children from their families. KURT has thoughtfully led our work regarding the challenges around Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon, and our efforts to provide oversight on whether the school can protect the well-being of its students and get them on a path to academic success. KURT has demanded answers from both Democratic and Republican Administrations and has not wavered from the fight to stand up for the students and their families.

KURT will depart with a strong legacy of serving his constituents and championing bipartisan legislative successes. I offer my best wishes to KURT, his wife, Susan, and his hard-working staff in Oregon and in Washington, D.C.

MEMORIALIZING JEAN MONNET

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful, as Co-Chair of the Congressional French Caucus, to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jean Monnet through the legislation I co-sponsored creating a commemorative work in Rock Creek Park to honor his international peace contributions.

Jean Monnet is often referred to as the "Father of Europe" for his role in initiating the dream for the European Union, which today is one of our largest trading partners. During World War II, Jean Monnet took up residence here in Washington, D.C., and contributed to the "Victory Program" with the United States, helping the allied powers retake his home country after its fall in 1940.

After the war, Jean Monnet worked tirelessly to integrate European nations with the United States, and create a lasting transatlantic cooperation. His diplomatic work led to the creation of the European Union.